

## TO BE OPENED UP IN AUGUST.

Dennis Flynn Gives Interesting Information About the Indian Reservations in the Oklahoma Country.

The following interview with Representative Dennis Flynn, of Oklahoma, giving the present situation relative to the opening of the Kiowa, Comanche and Wichita Indian reservations of over 3,100,000 acres, will be of much interest to many REPUBLIC readers, especially those who contemplate securing a home in this new land, which will be thrown open to homesteaders about August 1, which is only reached by the Rock Island road, which line is the only one running to and through this reservation. Mr. Flynn says:

"The Wichita reservation is east and north of the Kiowa reservation, and there will probably be 600,000 acres of it subject to homestead entry. There will be about 2,000,000 acres of Kiowa land for homestead entry. In both of these reservations sections 13, 33, 16 and 36 are reserved for school and other purposes for the uses of the future state of Oklahoma. This will be leased by the Oklahoma school land board, consisting of the governor and secretary of the territory. In both the reservations there must also be taken out 1,120,000 acres for Indian allotments and grazing lands, in addition to school and other reservations which I have mentioned.

"A bill has just passed the lower house of congress which provides that there shall be no more sales for town lots, but that before the opening of these reservations the president shall divide them into counties, fixing the county lines and reserving 320 acres as near as practicable to the center of each county for county seat purposes. These lands will be sold on the day of the opening or on subsequent days to the highest bidder, no one be allowed to purchase more than one resident and one business lot in each town. The proceeds of these sales go to the county in which the county seat is located.

"As to who are eligible to take a homestead in these reservations, the laws differ. But in the Kiowa and Comanche reservation everybody who at any time prior to June 6 last had used his homestead right by filing on certain lands can make a second entry, provided he did not have perfect title.

"In other words every person who has relinquished in any part of the United States on any government land is eligible to take a homestead there. Any person, who, however, after living on a homestead five or more years without paying out cannot make an additional entry, congress refusing to grant this right.

"I desire to be emphatically understood as stating that if a man paid on his homestead before he resided on it five years he can take a second one. If he did not pay out within five years he cannot. Again, no person who relinquished or commuted since June 6 is eligible, as that was the date of the passage of the original treaty.

"Old soldiers of the civil war who have never had the benefit of a homestead have their rights preserved. As to the soldiers of the Spanish and Philippine wars, at the present time they are given credit only for certain services. A bill is now in congress which will give them their right of filing a soldier's declaratory claim.

"In my judgment all of these lands will be opened to settlement about August 1. How they will be opened is not at this time settled. A great many are advocating a change from the old race horse style. For myself I will favor any kind of a proposition that will hurry the opening of the country and give everybody entitled to a homestead an equal chance. I would not be surprised if some lottery plan were adopted, the details of which will have to be worked out by the interior department.

"Two new land offices to take care of the business will be established, one at El Reno and one at the county seat nearest Fort Sill.

"Many people are not aware of the fact that any person who has 160 acres of land in any state or territory is prohibited from taking a homestead anywhere in the United States. The object of the homestead law is to give people who do not own 160 acres of land an opportunity to obtain a home from the government.

"The appointment of county officers, etc., is a matter, whether left to the secretary or the governor, which will undoubtedly not be taken up until next summer.

"There is no inside track to be given anybody. The public will be advised through the press a sufficient length of time before the opening to give everybody an equal chance at the opening. Part of the Wichita reservation will undoubtedly be put into Blaine and Canadian counties in order to fill out their boundaries.

"I reiterate, the country cannot possibly be opened until August; there is no inside information; every qualified

homestead entryman will be treated alike; in the sale of town lots no favorites will be played; every lot will be sold to the highest bidder.

"A great many people get these lands mixed with the lands in the Indian Territory. These lands are located in southwestern Oklahoma and adjoin Texas. Any person who enters 160 acres must in addition to a residence of 14 months to five years, also agree to pay the government \$1.25 per acre for the land.

"These lands are good grazing and agricultural lands and the person who secures 160 acres of them can feel satisfied. The mining laws of the United States are also extended to the Kiowa and Comanche reservation. There is a range of mountains carrying from ten to thirty miles, which will undoubtedly be thoroughly explored after the opening."

## ASSESSORS' MEETING.

Basis of Valuation Adopted for the 1901 Assessment in Sherman County on Personal Property.

Goodland, Kan., March 4, 1901.—Assessors of the various townships of Sherman county met at county clerk's office. William Fairall was chosen as chairman and J. M. Jewell as secretary. Moved and carried that the resolution recommended by the county commissioners be adopted: "All property to be listed at full value, then make the constitutional exemption and the remainder of sum total at 3 1/4 per cent of real value."

VALUATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.	
Cattle, 6 months old and under	4.00 to 5.00
Horses, 1 year old and under 2	10.00 to 12.00
Horses, over 2 years and under 3	15.00 to 18.00
Horses, 3 years old and over	30.00 to 50.00
Pigs and ponies	10.00
Mules and asses same as horses same age	
Stallions	40.00 to 150.00
Cattle, 6 months old and under 1 year	10.00 to 12.00
Cattle, 1 year old and under 2 years	15.00 to 18.00
Cattle, 2 years old and under 3 years	25.00 to 30.00
Cattle, 3 years old and over	30.00 to 40.00
Sheep, 6 months old and over	2.00 to 3.00
Hogs, over 6 months old	10.00 to 15.00
Drills and disc	1.50 to 3.00
Thrashing machine outfits	75.00 to 100.00
Binders and headers	10.00 to 20.00
Wagons	30.00 to 50.00
Bicycles, carriages and carts	3.00 to 5.00
Drills and disc	1.50 to 3.00
Silver and nickel watches	1.00 to 10.00
Plate and jewelry, par value	50.00 to 100.00
Piano forte	50.00 to 100.00
All other musical instruments	1.00 to 10.00
Wheat, except 100 bushels for seed, all over	35 per bus.
Corn, except 100 bushels for seed, all over	35 per bus.
All bonds and interest on bonds	
Stocks in any company or corporation	
All monies	
Merchants' stocks	Par Value.
Tax sale certificates	
Judgments, notes, mortgages	
Manufacturers' stocks	
Aggregate value of all other personal property	5.00 to \$100.00
Real estate, same as last 20 years	

On motion meeting adjourned.  
J. M. JEWELL, Secretary.  
Attest: A. D. RUMMEL, County Clerk.

## Fines From Police Court.

During the period from January 1, 1900, to January 15, 1901, the police court collected \$780. The fines from the saloons and for other offenses included in the amount. There was several months last fall when no revenue was received from the joints, as they were not in business owing to the fire that destroyed the places.

**Smallpox at Colby.**  
A case of smallpox was discovered at Colby last Friday. The patient was taken ill with the disease at the Windsor hotel and all the boarders of the resort have been quarantined.

## Take Notice.

All persons putting in crops on land belonging to William H. Male, Smith Bros. Loan & Trust Co., without making some arrangements for the same will be required to pay one-fifth of the crop for rent. I am instructed to collect that amount by the owners of the land unless a lease is made, in which case it may be less. T. P. LEONARD.

## Quarantined in Their Caboose.

It will be some time before Conductor Farley and brakeman O'Connor and Collup will make a trip if the quarantine that is on them and their caboose is maintained the usual length of time. The conductor and crew run on the local freight between Goodland and Phillipsburg. Tuesday Vernon Bower, of Norton, rode in the caboose from Colby to Norton and he was broken out with smallpox. He told the crew that a Colby doctor said that he didn't have the disease, but when he arrived at Norton he was met by the pest house wagon, as the health authorities at that place had been notified in advance of his condition. The crew took the train on to Phillipsburg and returned to Goodland Wednesday morning, bringing in an extra freight. They reported the matter and Health Officer Farrow quarantined them. They occupy their caboose in the railroad yards which is placarded with the usual signs and the yellow flag. Vernon Bower is a brother of Dell Bower, of this city.

P. M. Pierce, banker, and C. S. Letson, merchant and stockman, both of Wilsonville, Neb., were in Goodland Thursday. They are in company with E. James, stockman of St. Francis, and they will be in the county several days buying cattle. Mr. Letson was formerly a traveling man and made this territory in the early days.

Work on the skimming station, which has been located on J. A. Correll's ranch northwest of town, has commenced. The lumber for the building is on the site, and the structure is in course of erection. Ed Fender will have charge of the skimming. He will also put in a small stock of groceries and intend to establish a trading point at that place.

## STICK TO YOUR RANCH.

Opportunities Better for Small Ranchmen in Sherman County Than the Uncertainties of the Oklahoma Strip.

A good many people of this county are considerably interested about the opening of lands for settlement in the Oklahoma country, and it is probable that Kansas will lose a number of its citizens, as was the case in the former openings in the territory. Sherman county will probably lose a number of people who will join the rush as on former occasions.

Something may be reasonably said in favor of staying with Sherman county. In the first place there is no finer county in western Kansas than this county. The lands here are as rich or richer than those to be opened up in the territory, and this much can be truthfully said, that the lands here are more even in fertility and value than in the strip, that the water here is the best in the world; whereas, in the territory the lands are very spotted and in some localities the water is nauseating and intolerable. They who emigrate there will find everything overdone and speculation and booming rife and rampant. Some will make money but the great majority will lose and be worse off than they were here. This has been true of all such rushes and booms.

Nowhere in the west are there better opportunities for men of small means and of moderate capital to invest in land and in sheep and cattle ranches. Dairying in this county is steadily increasing and will soon be a large and profitable employment for small farmers. Butter produced from buffalo grass pastures excels all other grades, as the recent victory of the Kansas product at the St. Paul, Minn., Creamery association proves. A large amount of Sherman county lands have recently been sold at a fair price, and stockmen are making heavy investments here. It is an ideal grazing country.

These things are facts that no one can deny. The man that has a small bunch of stock and stays with Sherman county will not regret it. It is an old saying: "Shoemaker, stick to your last." Amplifying this aphorism, it may be said: "Rancher, stick to your ranch." Drawbacks are found in every country known to mankind, Sherman county has them, of course, but advantages preponderate here.

**Who Wants the Mayorship?**  
Interest in the approaching city election, which will be held April 2, is becoming more pronounced as the time draws nearer. There will probably be two tickets in the field and the contest, it is thought, will be on the "wet" and "dry" question.

Who the candidates for the mayorship will be is yet uncertain, but it is said by those in position to know that Thomas P. Leonard will in all probability head the "dry" ticket. No "wet" candidate has been announced unless one could be picked out of the following list, all of which have been mentioned for the office: E. J. Scott, R. J. Jones, E. Thorson and C. E. Swarts.

The offices to be filled are: Mayor, city treasurer, police judge, two constables, justice of peace, treasurer board education. First ward, councilman, member board of education; Second ward, councilman, member board of education; Third ward, two councilmen, one for two year term and one for one year term; member board of education.

If you want to vote you will have to register before March 22.

## TOLD IN A LINE.

Women's stylish and dress shoes for \$1.50 and \$3.50 at Millisack's. Why pay more?

Beware of a mother-in-law! At Smith Center last week one of these dear creatures shot and instantly killed her son-in-law because he called at her home to see his wife.

The Kansas City Star says that J. Pierpont Morgan is taking a little rest before going after the Wire trust, when he will appear before the public and give Mr. Gates a jar.

In Pennsylvania a man named George Barrel committed suicide with a shot gun last week because his lady love refused to marry him. He probably could not bear the idea of living longer as a single barrel.

Drs. Hayden and Shomaker, oculists, were in town Saturday and advertised they would be found at the Commercial prepared to examine and treat the eye. They were requested by the city clerk to secure license that is assessed all traveling doctors. They refused so they were prohibited from practicing. They went from here to Colby.

The revival meetings which have been held at the Christian church for several weeks closed with the meeting Wednesday night. The meetings were largely attended and much interest was aroused. The services were conducted by Rev. Stevens, the pastor of the church, and the musical feature was in charge of V. E. Ridenour, of Fort Scott.

A south side boy claims he saw a rare sight Sunday. The said boy left the following at THE REPUBLIC office Wednesday with the request that it be published: "Four young ladies dressed up in baseball and other suits, worn usually by the male sex, last Sunday. It was a rare sight and much enjoyed by the male boys and others who were favored with a peep."

## BUCKLIN'S SCHEME.

Says Grain Growers Will Organize to Defeat the Grain Trust—Will Establish Commission Houses.

The record of this legislature has been that not an iota of legislation has been enacted for the benefit of the wheat growers of the state. The nearest approach to anything that will effect them beneficially is the railroad law, and they are not satisfied that this will afford them any relief from the grain trust, says the Topeka Journal.

Several attempts at legislation were made by Representative J. A. Bucklin, of Thomas county, but every one was turned down. Bucklin, by the way, did not succeed in having passed a single one of the half-dozen bills he introduced. Two of them were grain bills—one anti-trust and the other for the creation of a state grain commissioner.

Representative Bucklin says the wheat growers of the state will now take the struggle against the grain trust into their own hands and inaugurate a fight to a finish. There will be a meeting called of the wheat growers of the state to be held at Salina in May. The farmers will organize an association for their own protection and to combat the grain trust.

The idea is, since the state would not afford them a grain commission merchant to handle their grain in Kansas City, Kan., to establish their own commission merchants in Kansas City, Galveston, Duluth and Chicago. For the last five years Kansas has had an average annual exportation of 30,000,000 bushels of wheat, upon which has been paid the usual commission of one cent a bushel. Inside of \$30,000 a year, by a great deal, they can establish and maintain these agencies, it is claimed, and have satisfactory service. Oklahoma grain growers have already organized on this line and, Representative Bucklin says, the farmers of central and western Kansas now propose to do the same thing.

## RAILROAD SPIKES.

Brakeman Frank Carlton has been discharged.

Engine 518 is in the shops for a general overhaul.

Robert Lenon is mentioned as a candidate for mayor.

Engineer A. Shaw and family have returned from a visit east.

Tinner T. Bremick has gone to his home in Caldwell to spend a few days.

Morris Skinner, of Colorado Springs, has taken the position of dispatcher vacated by Mr. Bullock.

Brakeman Fred Finch left Monday for Burlington, Kan., where he will be employed on that division.

Engineer B. W. Jacobs will go to Pueblo and take baths at the springs at that place in hopes that it will help his rheumatism.

Train dispatcher Bullock has returned to Colorado Springs and has taken his former position as dispatcher on the Midland road.

Conductor J. N. Hazelbaker is on his car, having been relieved from passenger duty by Conductor Fuller, who was off for a vacation.

Conductor E. H. Young and crew returned Sunday from a week's association with the work train. They are now on the chain gang on the east end.

Dave Agter has nearly recovered from the injury to his foot and will return soon to the Midland Terminal road at Cripple Creek where he has a position as conductor.

Engine 518, better known as the "Mayflower," went into the shops Tuesday morning for general repair. Consequently Engineer J. H. Bush will take a layoff and will take a trip to Cuba.

Engineer Robert Coots lost a red pocketbook Saturday. Anyone finding the same will please call on him or leave purse at THE REPUBLIC office. Liberal reward will be given the finder and property will be proven.

Engine 460, Engineer Shaw and Fireman Hottle, came out of the shops after thorough overhaul, this week. She was limbered up Wednesday afternoon. With her new coat of paint and trimmings she looks as good as new.

Brakeman Charles Striker has returned from a prolonged visit in Illinois. He met with an injury to one of his hands several months ago while coupling cars at Phillipsburg. He has recovered from the injury and has returned to work.

The Rock Island and Lake Shore roads have formally accepted the track elevation ordinance recently passed by the Chicago city council, and the work of abolishing grade crossings will probably be commenced within the next 30 days. W. E. Dancy, now chief engineer of the Rock Island, who was for several years superintendent of maintenance and construction at Topeka, will likely have charge of the entire track elevation.

## Jurors for the District Court.

The following persons have been drawn for jury duty for the April term of the district court:

J. W. Crouse, Lamborn; Charles Feline, R. C. Martin, William Ennis, A. E. Nass, A. Funder, Robert Lenon, Goodland; James Quincy, Brewster; J. Q. Thompson, John Nelson, Kuleton; W. A. Saxson, Naville; R. C. Smith, Edson.

## The County High School.

The bill authorizing the establishment of a county high school in Sherman county passed the legislature at its recent session. The full text and provisions of the law will be published in THE REPUBLIC later on for the benefit of the public.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

Dell Bower was at Colby Monday.

Frank Brumfield, of Dawson's store, is sick.

Mrs. J. W. Pack has returned from Pueblo.

William Walker, Jr., was in Topeka Tuesday.

E. F. Tennant was at Burlington, Col., last Friday.

Dr. Rae Thomas was at Ellis, Kan., the first of the week.

Mrs. E. F. Tennant has gone to eastern Kansas for a visit.

Jack Smalley is back from Oklahoma where he spent several months.

John Hartzler is at Salina and has an office where he will practice law.

Mrs. George Emick, wife of Engineer Emick, is in town from Trenton, Mo.

J. E. Marshall, representing the Topeka Paper company, was in Goodland Monday.

Mrs. Theodore Close left Tuesday evening for a visit with relatives in Phillipsburg.

George Bradley shipped a carload of horses to Enid, Ok., last week. He accompanied the shipment.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jupe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Kohrt, in Shermanville township.

J. B. Penn returned Tuesday morning from Plattville, Wis., where he was called by the death of his mother.

Miss Mary Seaman returned yesterday from St. Louis where she had been to purchase a stock of millinery goods.

C. M. Millisack left Saturday night for St. Louis to buy goods for his store. He will be absent about ten days.

W. E. Benjamin has excepted the position of school teacher in the Utterback district, near the Neville postoffice.

Mrs. James N. Fike and daughter, Blanche, of Colby, were in the city Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, Jr.

Robert McCollough, of St. Francis, unloaded three carloads of cattle here Monday and drove them to his ranch in Cheyenne county.

Misses Myrtle and Sadie Rannels, who are attending school in Goodland, are spending the week with their parents in Grant township.

William Allen, living near Topeka, was in the city Thursday buying horses. He will ship a carload purchased of Hank Reese.

E. Mersinger has gone to Sherman county to look up a new location, having sold his farm in Franklin township.—Lincoln Sentinel.

Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dawson entertained the Whist club at the Walker home Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Brosnahan, who is making her home at Limon, was in town Wednesday. She had been to Kansas City and was on her way to Limon.

Will Detwiler, who is now at Goodland, came in Friday and remained until Saturday night visiting his relatives.—Smith Center Journal.

Dr. F. H. Smith, representative of this county, returned yesterday from Topeka where he has been in attendance at the session of the legislature.

Deputy Sheriff J. M. Jewell went to LaBlanche Tuesday to quarantine sheep belonging to Dr. L. A. Golden, which are reported as having the scab.

George Webb and wife, of Lincoln, Neb., returned to their home Sunday. Mr. Webb was called here several weeks ago by the death of his mother.

Mrs. Ratcliffe and daughter, Nellie, who have been making their home with Arthur Ratcliffe, Mrs. Ratcliffe's son, will return to their former home in Illinois soon.

Peter Robidoux purchased Amos Smith's ranch last Saturday. The lands now included in the Robidoux ranch, with the Union Pacific railroad land leased, aggregate over 30,000 acres.

F. H. Cross left last week for Cornish, Ia., where he has a position as bookkeeper and an offer of partnership in business. But Mr. Cross likes Goodland very much, and regrets to leave.

L. H. Haney is going to Washington or Oregon to make his future home. He will have a public sale at his ranch on the Smoky March 14. Thirty-nine head of cattle and other stock are advertised for sale.

E. W. Wellington, department grand commander and inspecting officer of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, held an inspection of Columbia Commandery No. 38, Knight Templar, of this city, Saturday evening. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the members sat down to a tempting supper at Mrs. Heron's.

M. Winters, of Goodland, who is in Kansas City for medical treatment, is a roomer at the house on West Ninth street where from a window "Bud" Taylor shot Ruth Nollard. Mr. Winters found Taylor hid under a bed in one of the rooms and notified the police. He was also a witness at the coroner's inquest.

Mrs. George Patton, who formerly lived in Goodland, had a narrow escape from fire Tuesday evening, says the Oberlin Times. She struck a match and lighted a lamp, and then turned to attend to other duties. In a moment the room behind her seemed so brilliantly lighted that she turned back to see the cause and found the portiers on fire. In extinguishing it she quite painfully burned both hands, but her presence of mind prevented any further loss than the damaging of the drapery.

Dennis Linden, a traveling man for a Topeka grocery house and who Sundays in Goodland, was not allowed to circulate among his customers here last Saturday and Sunday. He is an honest boy and admitted to the small-pox policeman that he had visited the infected districts in Norton county, which are quarantined against by Goodland. However, Dennis reached his customers by special messenger and remained at the Depot hotel until Sunday evening when he went out on his route.

## WAS NOT SMALLPOX.

Wrong Diagnosis of the Case of Mrs. Albertson by Dr. Richards—No Diphtheria as Was Reported.

The situation in regard to smallpox in the county is about the same as reported in THE REPUBLIC last week. There have been in all eight cases, all confined to the Dimmitt, Fletcher and Johnson families, living west of town.

In the Albertson case, near Edson, the people there represented to the county health officer that they were not satisfied as to the diagnosis of the disease as reported by Dr. Richards, and did not think it was smallpox at all. Accordingly Health Officer Farrow in company with Drs. Gulick and Brown, went to the Albertson home to hold a consultation and report on the case of Mrs. N. E. Albertson.

After examination the three doctors agreed that there was no sign of smallpox, and that the only disease with which Mrs. Albertson was afflicted was cancer. Accordingly the quarantine was raised, not only on the Albertson family, but all who had visited there. Saturday morning a wagon drove into Goodland, decorated with six yellow flags, the harvest of the quarantine east of town.

It seems also that Dr. Richards was the one who reported the case of diphtheria in the family of Nick Scallion. Drs. Brown and Gulick were called in later and reported that the Scallion child was not suffering from diphtheria but tonsillitis. So the other doctors disagreed with Dr. Richards in both cases.

Saturday afternoon Dr. Richards went to the Fletcher home where there are smallpox patients. He is reported to have secured a couple of scabs from a patient, and that he told the Fletcher family he intended sending them away for examination. The matter became known to the health officer Monday, and Dr. Richards, being interrogated, confessed that it was smallpox in the Fletcher home. He also stated that he had put the scabs in a glass tube and sent them away for examination.

There was some talk of arresting Richards for violating the quarantine regulations, but the doctor justified himself on the ground that being a physician he had the same right as any other doctor to visit the family, and that he had taken the necessary precaution to disinfect himself.

Inquiry at the postoffice revealed the fact that Dr. Richards had sent a sealed package to the state board of health at Topeka. The postmaster did not know at the time what it contained, but being interviewed by the sheriff and county attorney, they informed him that Richards admitted sending away the smallpox scabs procured of one of the Fletcher patients, through the mails. The postal laws are very stringent as to regulations for the mailing of diseased tissue, microbes, purulent matter, etc. The postmaster must be informed of its contents; the party mailing must be a proper person, a physician or a person competent to handle such matter; it must be hermetically sealed in a glass tube, then put in a tin box, and this box in another tin box and all properly sealed. The label must state contents and the party to whom mailed must be recognized by the department as a proper person or persons, to receive it.

It is claimed the package sent by Richards was not enclosed in tin boxes and the postmaster was not informed of its contents. To say the least it was a very strange proceeding. Further developments are awaited.

## Telephones for Goodland.

The Phillipsburg Dispatch says: "Billy Hardman, our telephone magazine, has captured a new field. He will put in a telephone exchange in the city of Goodland and connect it with his long distance line at Norton. From present indications the new exchange will start out with 60 to 75 phones in that city. The Goodland people will find Mr. Hartman a man who will fulfill every promise made them and will see that everything is as represented. We shall be glad to be able to say hello to our Goodland friends."

The above is a "go away from home to learn the news" item. Diligent inquiry in Goodland failed to learn anything of the proposed telephone exchange. However, if Mr. Hardman will introduce the telephone in Goodland it goes without saying that he will be liberally supported by the business men and others who would gladly welcome this much needed convenience.

## A Revised Melody.

"I can't tell why I love you,  
But I do—oo—oo—oo—  
He sing in soulful accents  
To his Sue—oo—oo—  
But he never got to tell  
For he finished with a yell,  
When he left, amidst his fan  
Paper's shoe—oo—oo—"  
—Phillips American.

## Seed Potatoes.